

## SELLING CHILDREN FOR BITS OF FOOD; PLIGHT OF CHINESE

Conditions in Famine District May Lead to Reign of Terror.

Missionaries' Lives Menaced and Business Interests Threatened.

State Department Will Direct Relief From Diplomatic Motives.

That conditions in the famine district of China, where thousands of natives are dying and millions are near death from starvation and disease, may lead to anarchy and a general reign of terror, menacing foreign missionaries and citizens and greatly crippling commerce with this country, is made plain in this Government in startling reports just received at the State Department from Consul General Rodgers, at Shanghai, and Consul Haynes, at Nanking.

That officials of this Government are greatly perturbed by these reports there is no attempt to hide, and it is considered as probable that within the next few days the President may feel himself called upon to issue a second proclamation, appealing to the people of the United States to contribute to the 15,000,000 starving people in the flooded and desolate districts of the interior provinces. Officials of the American branch of the National Red-Cross have risen to more strenuous efforts to afford relief, although previously it seemed that they were doing all within their power to rush food and clothing to the devastated territory. Until now, relief has been sought in a spirit of humanity, to alleviate suffering; from now on, aside from this motive, it will be sought as a diplomatic move to remedy conditions that might lead to worse developments than the Boxer uprising.

**Mothers Sell Their Babies.**  
Last winter, officials of this and European governments were alarmed over the boycott situation, and it has been generally conceded that serious disturbances as an outgrowth of that movement were only prevented by the prompt steps of this country in sending a squadron of warships to the Chinese coast and two additional regiments of infantry troops to the Philippines. There is no attempt to conceal the fear that the present conditions, because of the famine, in which women are selling their babies for a mouthful of food, or throwing them into streams and themselves committing suicide, easily lead to a most dangerous situation.

In view of this, while the Red Cross proceeds to raise all money and food possible to stave off starvation, it is expected that the State Department will enter into the matter thoroughly, and that other governments will be consulted within the next few days, with a view to concerted action in case of a crisis. The army and navy will be expected to stand as ready for possible emergencies as they did last year.

**Children Bring \$2 Apiece.**  
Dr. Henry M. Woods, of the Southern Presbyterian Mission at Hwai-an-Fu, says there are at present more than 200,000 refugees at Tsingkiangpu huddled in mat sheds, and parents are daily seen offering their children for sale at from \$2 to \$4 each.

"My deliberate opinion," says Consul General Rodgers, at Shanghai, "is that the next few months will see the development of dangerous things in this part of China, and that such conditions and circumstances will have a great effect upon foreign interests, political as well as commercial."

"Chinese New Year, which luckily falls late this year, being in the second week of February, is watched with no small degree of uneasiness."

In a special report to the State Department on the trade relations between the United States and China, Consul General Rodgers, at Shanghai, says that the boycott has had nothing to do with the falling off of trade. In proof of his assertion, he says that trade with other nations, where no boycott was involved, shows a corresponding shrinkage for a similar period of time.

## CURTIS LEAVES HOUSE AND ENTERS THE SENATE

Charles Curtis, newly elected Senator from Kansas, took the oath of office in the Senate today. Mr. Curtis has been elected to fill the unexpired term of ex-Senator Burton, and for the full term beginning March 4. He succeeds Senator Benson, who was elected and qualified. Yesterday Speaker Cannon told before the House the resignation of Mr. Curtis as Representative from the First District of Kansas.

## WOULD MAKE INQUIRY INTO SALARY QUESTION

Senator McCumber of North Dakota has introduced a bill to create a commission to inquire into salaries of Federal officers and employees and report as to the proper remedy for inequalities and discrepancies. The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee. It is not likely there will be legislation this session to increase the pay of Government employees, but the agitation is attracting attention in Congress and may result in accomplishing something next session.

## Labor Men Oppose Cheap Gas Until It Costs Less to Make

Central Labor Union Disapproves Madden 75-Cent-Gas Bill, Saying Washington's Population Is Not Dense Enough—Universal Transfer Question Comes Next.

The Madden 75-cent gas bill received no support from the Central Labor Union at its meeting last night. The special committee appointed several weeks ago to investigate a resolution to endorse the Madden bill stated in an elaborate report "that after a careful investigation the committee was opposed to a reduction in the price of gas until such time as it is proved that gas can be manufactured and distributed in the District of Columbia for less rate per thousand cubic feet for the same candle power as now supplied."

The committee called attention to the fact brought out by its investigation that gas can be manufactured and distributed in large cities, where the population is dense, much cheaper than in cities of smaller size and population.

The committee also presented the members with a table giving the net price of gas per thousand cubic feet and candle power prevalent in the cities in each of the forty-five States. And in the comparison Washington is getting gas at a reasonable price.

Several delegates opposed the report, but on a vote it was adopted. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the House District Committee on Thursday. President Brinkman, who is chairman of the Madden reception committee, announced that Mr. Hearst had informed the reception committee that he would give them two weeks' notice as to the date when he can be here to attend the reception. President Brinkman said Mr. Hearst's time was so taken up that he could not name a date earlier than the 15th of February.

The question of universal street car transfers for the District of Columbia will be taken up by the special committee within a few days.

## NELSON LAND BILL OFFICIAL MEASURE

Minnesota Senator's Offering Displaces La Follette's as President's Hope.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota has introduced a bill regarding the sale and lease of Government coal, oil and mineral lands. It is asserted this is the real Administration bill, despite the fact Senator La Follette several days ago introduced what was then said to be the Administration measure.

In preparing the bill he has introduced Senator Nelson had the assistance of Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, one of his assistants, and an official of the Department of Justice. Senator La Follette also advised with the Department of Justice. The President went over Mr. Nelson's bill and suggested a number of amendments which were put into the bill.

The general purpose of the Nelson bill, as of the La Follette bill, is to keep the title to the coal, oil, and minerals in the public domain in the Government, and to make provisions for the leasing of the surface.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MINSTREL SHOW.

Members of the Vaughn class of the Calvary Baptist Church entertained their women friends last night in the parlors of the church with a minstrel entertainment by the "Darktown Club." The performers appeared in black and the usual negro minstrel costumes. John S. Hebbard was chairman of the entertainment committee.

## THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT



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## BEVERIDGE CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE

Confers With President on Pending Child Labor Legislation.

Evils Existing in Several States Were Discussed at Length.

Senator From Indiana Makes Eloquent Speech on the Subject.

Senator Beveridge last night, following his eloquent address in the Senate on child labor, called at the White House and discussed this subject and other pending questions of legislation with the President. Mr. Roosevelt is deeply interested in getting adequate legislation on the child-labor problem and on the showing of evils arising from child labor as presented to the Senate by the Indiana Senator.

Late yesterday afternoon, in the course of Senator Beveridge's speech, various members of the Senate piled the speaker with questions.

**Georgia Law a Dead Letter.**

Despite the protests of Senator Bacon of Georgia, to the contrary, Senator Beveridge maintained strongly the child-labor law of that State was a dead letter.

Senator Tillman admitted the evils of child labor in his State and said he was anxious to have Senator Beveridge submit all the facts possible that it might be used to secure legislation in South Carolina. He placed the blame for conditions on the Northern mill owners and capitalists. Senator Gaillard admitted there was Northern money in South Carolina, but added: "God help South Carolina if there wasn't Northern money there."

**Tillman Abhors Northern Capital.**

"Rather than have Northern money there exercising its lobbying influence," declared Senator Tillman with great emphasis, "I would to God the Senator and all others would keep Northern money out of my State."

Mr. Tillman doubted the constitutionality of the measure proposed by Senator Beveridge.

Sensors Beveridge and Spooner clashed sharply over the question whether Congress had power to enact such a child-labor law as Mr. Beveridge proposed.

Under the first of these bills, introduced by Representative Morrell of Pennsylvania, chairman of the subcommittee of the District Committee, the city would be divided into nine school districts, each district with an educational board of five members. These sub-boards would be under the supreme control of a general board of nine members, composed of one citizen from each of the districts. The sub-boards would have charge of all penalties and assignments in the respective districts.

A board of superintendents is also provided, consisting of the superintendent and four assistant superintendents. This board would establish rules and govern promotions. The local boards would report annually to the central board of examiners. The examiners, being composed of the superintendent and four members of the main board. These four members would receive \$100 per year. Terms of board members will be four years, according to the bill.

## CITIZENS' RELIEF AID BY WALSH

Millionaire Gives \$200 to Fund—Associated Charities Gets Contributions.

The largest contribution which the Citizens' Relief Association has received this season is \$200, recently contributed by Thomas F. Walsh. The members of the association are anxious to secure other large contributions as a backbone for the relief fund, which is mainly made up by small contributions. The following gifts, received at 311 G street, are gratefully acknowledged by John F. Wilkins, treasurer: Mrs. Mary A. Brown, \$5; Harry Noment, \$10; C. L. Sturtevant, \$10; W. Riley Deebie, \$10; Miss Thornton, \$5; a friend, \$2.

Among the special gifts which have come to the Associated Charities recently are three tons of coal, one donated by John Moran & Co., one by Hessick Bros., and one by Thomas H. Melton, all to be delivered in such quantities as the Associated Charities may order. The following cash contributions have also been received at 311 G street, and acknowledged by John Joy Edson, treasurer, who has recently sent out a second letter of appeal to citizens who received the first letter in November and have not yet responded:

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## TOO MANY EMBASSIES WILL CHEAPEN TITLE

An important step was taken yesterday by the Senate Appropriation Committee when, in deciding to report the diplomatic bill, it struck out the provision of the present law that gives the President power to appoint ambassadors to foreign countries whenever he is advised that such countries are represented or about to be represented by an ambassador.

The action of the committee is aimed at the government of Chile, which is said to contemplate raising its legation there to the rank of an embassy. Several other South American countries are understood to be planning the same thing. The argument is made that if there are so many embassies the relative importance of an ambassador will be cheapened.



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